

Whereas the laws of the State of Connecticut require automatic doors in certain shopping malls and retail businesses, the laws of the State of Delaware require an automatic door or calling device for newly constructed places of accommodation, and the laws of the District of Columbia have a similar requirement;

Whereas the Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service published by the General Services Administration requires automation of at least 1 exterior door for all newly constructed or renovated facilities managed by the General Services Administration, including post offices;

Whereas from 2006 to 2011, 71 percent of the complaints received by the Access Board regarding the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 concerned a post office or other facility of the United States Postal Service;

Whereas the United States Postal Service employs approximately 596,000 people, making it the second-largest civilian employer in the United States;

Whereas approximately 7,000,000 people per day visit 1 of the more than 36,400 post offices in the United States; and

Whereas the United States was founded on principles of equality and freedom, and these principles require that all people, even those people with disabilities, are able to engage as equal members of society: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes the immense hardships that people with disabilities in the United States must overcome every day;

(2) reaffirms its support of the Act entitled “An Act to insure that certain buildings financed with Federal funds are so designed and constructed as to be accessible to the physically handicapped”, approved August 12, 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4151 et seq.), commonly known as the “Architectural Barriers Act of 1968” and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), and encourages full compliance with such Acts;

(3) recommends that the United States Postal Service and Federal agencies install power-assisted doors at post offices and other federally funded facilities, as applicable, to ensure equal access for all people of the United States; and

(4) pledges to continue to work to identify and remove the barriers that prevent all people of the United States from having equal access to the services provided by the Federal Government.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page 47, line 13, strike “\$237,623,000” and insert “\$227,247,000”.

On page 66, line 13, strike “\$58,024,000” and insert “\$68,400,000”.

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On p. 360, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect existing law or authorities, relating to the detention of United States citizens, lawful resident aliens of the United States or any other persons who are captured or arrested in the United States.

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At the appropriate place, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF SCHEDULE FOR DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS-USABLE PLUTONIUM AT SAVANNAH RIVER SITE.**

Section 4306 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2566) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2012” each place it appears and inserting “2013”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”; and

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2012” and inserting “2013”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking “2017” and inserting “2018”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “2012” each place it appears and inserting “2013”;

(3) in subsection (c)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “2012” and inserting “2013”;

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking “2014” and inserting “2015”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking “2020” each place it appears and inserting “2021”;

(4) in subsection (d)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “2014” and inserting “2015”; and

(ii) by striking “2019” and inserting “2020”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “2020” each place it appears and inserting “2021”; and

(5) in subsection (e), by striking “2023” and inserting “2024”.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet in open session on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. in SD-106 to conduct a hearing entitled “Tales from the Unemployment Line: Barriers Facing the Long-Term Unemployed.”

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact the committee staff on (202) 224-5441.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of Arunava Majumdar, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to [allison\\_seyferth@energy.senate.gov](mailto:allison_seyferth@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Allison Seyferth at (202) 224-4905.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2011 at 10 a.m. in SD-106.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Spurring Job Growth Through Capital Formation While Protecting Investors.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 1, 2011, at 10 a.m.,